

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for interactive scheduling comprising:

a web server having an appointment scheduling software application for receiving a customer's selection of a vendor, a service, an add-on service related to said service and performed at said vendor's location, a service provider at said vendor to provide said service to said customer, a date, and a timeslot for said customer to receive said service from said service provider, wherein said customer selects said date and said timeslot from an appointment book presented to said customer of with dates and timeslots for specific to said service provider ~~presented to said customer~~; and

a central appointment repository at said web server for storing appointment data based on said customer's vendor, service, add-on service, service provider, and timeslot selections.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said customer's vendor selection is a selection from the group consisting of personal care vendors, health care vendors, and auto care businesses.
3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a customer's adjacent service selection wherein said adjacent service is related to said service and performed at said vendor's location.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising customer profile information for said customer.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4 wherein said appointment scheduling software

application is adapted to send an email confirmation of an appointment to said customer based on said customer profile information.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said appointment scheduling software is operational at a web site for said vendor.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a scheduled appointments page at said web server for said customer to review scheduled appointments with a plurality of vendors.
8. (Currently Amended) A computerized method for scheduling an appointment comprising the steps of:

prompting a customer using a computer to select a vendor;

prompting said customer using said computer to select a service;

prompting said customer using said computer to select a service provider at said vendor to provide said service to said customer;

presenting to said customer using said computer an appointment book of dates and timeslots for said service provider to provide said service to said customer;

determining said customer's selection from said appointment book of a date to receive said selected service;

determining said customer's selection from said appointment book of a time to receive said selected service wherein an allotted time for said customer to receive said service is specific to said service provider;

prompting said customer using said computer to select an add-on service

performed at said vendor's location based on said selected vendor, said selected service, said selected service provider, said selected date, and said selected time; and

updating a central appointment repository at a server based on said selected vendor, said selected service, said selected service provider, said selected date to receive said selected service, said selected time to receive said selected service, and said selected add-on service.

9. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 8 wherein the step of prompting said customer using a computer to select a service comprises the step of prompting said customer to select one of a plurality of services from a menu.
10. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 9 wherein the step of prompting said customer using said computer to select an add-on service comprises the steps of:
 - identifying a service to be performed at the same time as the selected service;
 - identifying a service provider who can perform said identified service; and
 - presenting said identified service to said customer.
11. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 8 further comprising the step of prompting said customer using said computer to select an adjacent service wherein said adjacent service is related to said identified service and performed at said vendor's location.
12. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 11 wherein the step of

prompting said customer using said computer to select an adjacent service

comprises the steps of:

identifying a service to be performed before or after the time of the selected service;

identifying a service provider who can perform said identified service; and
presenting said identified service to said customer.

13. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 8 wherein the step of determining said customer's selection from said appointment book of a time to receive said selected service comprises the step of determining whether said customer's selection from said appointment book of a time to receive said selected service is the same time as a confirmed appointment for another customer.
14. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 8 further comprising the step of sending a an email message to said customer confirming said selected vendor, said selected service, said selected service provider, said selected date to receive said selected service, said selected time to receive said selected service, and said selected add-on service.
15. (Withdrawn) A method for developing an web site for interactive scheduling comprising the steps of:
 - prompting a user for vendor information;
 - prompting said user for service offering information;
 - prompting said user for service provider information for individuals to provide services at said vendor;

prompting said user to assign at least one service provider to each service offering;

creating an appointment book for each service provider based on said service provider information;

creating a plurality of web pages based on said vendor information, service offering information, and service provider information; and

linking at least one of said web pages to an appointment scheduling software application adapted to store and maintain appointment data in said appointment book.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of prompting said user for service offering information comprises the steps of:

prompting said user for a description of each service;

prompting said user for a rate for each service; and

prompting said user for a length of time for each service.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of prompting said user for service provider information comprises the steps of:

prompting said user for biographical information for each service provider;

and

prompting said user for hours of availability for each service provider.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of prompting said user for add-on service information wherein said add-on service information is related to said service offering information.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of prompting said user for adjacent service information wherein said adjacent service information is related to said service offering information.
20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of creating a plurality of web pages comprises the steps of:
 - creating a home page based on said vendor information; and
 - creating a promotions page based on said service offering information.